

**Windsor Board of Education
Curriculum Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 4:30 PM

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Virtual Meeting
Windsor, CT 06095

1. Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence
Speaker(s): A. Taylor
2. Audience to Visitors
Speaker(s): A. Taylor
3. Updated US History Curriculum
Speaker(s): B. Fineman
4. Discuss Upcoming K-8 Math Programming Changes
Speaker(s): N. Abdel-Hady
5. Adjournment
Speaker(s): A. Taylor

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Curriculum Sub-Committee

→ WHS US History Curriculum



Presented by: Dr. Bonnie Fineman²

Objectives

- Introduce the curriculum-writing team.
- Explain rationale for project.
- Review the definition of curriculum.
- Review contents of new curriculum map and units.
- Share next steps.
- Obtain feedback and answer questions.

WHS USH Curriculum

- [Curriculum Map](#)
- Curriculum Units

- ◆ [Unit 1](#)

- ◆ [Unit 2](#)

- ◆ [Unit 3](#)

- ◆ [Unit 4](#)

- ◆ [Unit 5](#)

- ◆ [Unit 6](#)

- ◆ [Unit 7](#)

- ◆ [Unit 8](#)

Curriculum Team

- Ryan Bennett, Riannon Mecchi, and Christine Fracasso
 - WHS Social Studies Teachers
- Dr. MJ Martinez
 - Humanities Supervisor
- Dr. Bonnie Fineman
 - Dir. Secondary Curriculum- Trainer/ Facilitator

What is curriculum?

- Pinar (2019) explains that it is:
 - Prescription- all students that take a course have access to the same learning
 - Course of Study- takes students from “A to Z”
 - Experiential- creates a learning experience
- Ladson-Billings (1995), Muhammad (2020) and others specify that it should encourage intellectualism, relationship-building, and lived experiences.

What curriculum is NOT?

- Lesson plans
- Lectures
- Textbooks/ books
- Only the voice of the teacher or curriculum designers
- Only from one perspective
- Facts without experiences

Rationale for Project

- US History is a quintessential course in social studies, and it needed refinement; the standards changed.
- The study of US history and civics are critical elements of a public school education- “democratic education” or “democratic core” (Beane, J. & Apple, M.).
- All public schools should have accurate and relevant social studies and history curriculum.
- We needed to explore new resources and texts.

Changes to New Map- USH

- Use a new model- *Open Up Resources*- to design templates for the map and units.
- Increased comprehensiveness, complexity, and depth.
- Synthesized 15+ units to 8.
- Connected each unit to an overarching theme.
- Added Authentic Application Tasks (AATs).
- Realigned units to new Standards.
- Linked readings, including primary sources.

Overview- Map

- [Curriculum Map](#)

Overview- Sample Units

- [Unit 2](#)
- [Unit 4](#)

Next Steps

- Seek full BOE approval.

BOE Members' Questions

- Notes

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Questions?

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